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SUBJECT: "MIDDLE EAST PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE STUDY OF THE
UNITED STATES PROGRAMS FOR STUDENT LEADERS FROM THE MIDDLE
EAST/NORTH AFRICA"

REF: SECSTATE 24912

1. THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION NOMINATES THREE PRINCIPAL
NOMINEES: MS. YASMEEN ABDEL-WAHAB HASAN ABU-TALEB, MR.
LUKMAN FAROUQ ARSALAN, MR. KHALED WAIL FARID ALALI AND MS.
DALIA H. AHMED AS AN ALTERNATE NOMINEE.

2. THE FOUR CANDIDATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH EXCELLENCE
COUNCIL OF THE KING ABDULLAH II FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT (KAFD).
A 100 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WERE CHOSEN FROM ALL PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES IN JORDAN. THE SELECTION WAS BASED ON
STUDENTS' EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND WELL AS
EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. THE
COUNCIL INITIATED BY HIS MAJESTY KING ABDULLAH, AIMS TO COME
UP WITH A MECHANISM ON HOW TO ENHANCE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS'
ROLE IN THE KINGDOM'S POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
LIFE. IT IS A SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO HEAR STUDENTS' VIEWS ON
ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE AND TO GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO SPEAK THEIR
MINDS ABOUT THEIR OWN CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS TO UPGRADE
EDUCATIONAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE.

KAFD WAS ESTABLISHED BY A ROYAL DECREE IN 2001 AS A NON-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION SEEKING TO PROVIDE ALL SEGMENTS OF
THE JORDANIAN COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THE LESS DEVELOPED AND
PRIVILEGED, WITH NEW AND INNOVATIVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
AIMED AT ALLEVIATING THEIR SOCIO-ECONOMIC BURDENS. HIS
MAJESTY'S RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING A
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION THAT MAY ADEQUATELY ASSUME A
COMPREHENSIVE AND TARGETED ROLE IN SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENTAL
AND PRODUCTIVE PROJECTS ACROSS THE KINGDOM WAS THE MAIN
DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE PROMPT ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS NOMINEES' BIODATA IN PRIORITY ORDER:

FIRST NOMINEE:

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

1A. NAME: YASMEEN ABDEL- WAHAB HASAN ABU- TALEB
1B. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR): 10/17/1982
1C. CITY OF BIRTH: AMMAN
1D. COUNTRY OF BIRTH: JORDAN
1E. COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: JORDAN
F COUNTRY (S) OF CITIZENSHIP: JORDAN
1G. NOMINEE'S FULL ADDRESS: TLA' AL-ALI, AMMAN
JORDAN
1H. GENDER: FEMALE
1I. MEDICAL, PHYSICAL, DIETARY OR OTHER PERSONAL
CONSIDERATIONS: NO PORK, NO ALCOHOL
1J. NAME OF NOMINEE'S COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: MU'TAH
UNIVERSITY
1K. NOMINEE'S FIELD OF STUDY: SHARI'A ISLAMIC STUDIES,
SECOND YEAR
1L. WORK EXPERIENCE: COMPUTER TEACHER FOR FOUR MONTHS AT THE
HAYA CULTURAL, 1998-1999
EDUCATION: SECOND YEAR STUDENT, FACULTY OF SHARI'A AND
ISLAMIC STUDIES, MU'TAH UNIVERSITY, JORDAN; TOOK COURSES IN
"FOOD AND NUTRITION" FOR ONE YEAR AT CAPE TECHNIKON, CAPE
TOWN- SOUTH AFRICA, 2001; FINISHED SECONDARY SCHOOL FROM
JUBILEE SCHOOL IN JORDAN "SCHOOL FOR GIFTED STUDENTS", 2000
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS: VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE LANGUAGES CLUB
AT
MU'TAH UNIVERSITY; STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM AT
MU'TAH UNIVERSITY; MEMBER OF "THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR
CONSERVATION NATURE" RSCN; MEMBER OF "THE JORDANIAN
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY" JAS; MEMBER OF "THE JORDANIAN
ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY" JES; MEMBER OF "THE INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH SERVICE" IYS
SPECIAL INTERESTS: TRAVELING, ASTRONOMY AND HOROSCOPES,
ENVIRONMENT, SQUASH, SWIMMING, BADMINTON, CAMPING, READING
NEWSPAPERS AND SCIENTIFIC MAGAZINES, POLITICS,
CLAY-WORK, AND PLAYING XYLOPHONE
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: CARS MECHANIC; FIRST AID
COURSE; KHOSA COURSE; LEADERSHIP COURSE; COMMUNICATION
SKILLS; DRAMA; COMPUTER COURSES "DOS", WINDOWS 98,
FRONTPAGE, VISUAL BASIC, ADOBE PHOTOSHOP; ARABIC HANDWRITING
BEATY; ASTRONOMY; FRENCH COURSE; AND WEATHER FORECAST
SHORT LIST OF PUBLICATIONS: PRESENTATION BOUT "CHILD ABUSE"
1999; COMPUTER PROJECT ABOUT "JORDAN" 1999; A BOOK ABOUT "HIS
LATE MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN'S LIFE" 1997-2000

PREVIOUS TRAVEL AND STUDY OR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN THE U.S.: NONE

S. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: FLUENT

T. FUTURE STUDY OR CAREER PLANS: YASMEEN WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE HER STUDIES IN YOUTH, WOMEN RIGHTS, AND ISLAMIC STUDIES

U. POST JUSTIFICATION: MS. ABU TALEB IS A SECOND YEAR STUDENT OF SHARIA AND ISLAMIC STUDIES AT MU'TAH UNIVERSITY, KARAK. MU'TAH IS THE THIRD LARGEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN JORDAN ESTABLISHED IN 1981, AS A NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MILITARY EDUCATION. A CIVILIAN CAMPUS WING WAS ADDED IN 1986. ENROLLMENT IS 20,000 STUDENTS. MS. ABU TALEB HAS AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF EXTRA-CURRICULA ACTIVITIES AT THE CAMPUS AND AS MEMBERS IN SEVERAL NGOS JORDAN. SHE IS ALSO ACTIVE IN ORGANIZING SEVERAL SESSIONS ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS YOUTH PROBLEMS AND CHILD ABUSE ISSUES.

SECOND NOMINEE:

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

A. NAME: LUKMAN FAROUQ ALA'EDDIN ARSALAN

B. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR): 10/30/1985

C. CITY OF BIRTH: AL AQABA

D. COUNTRY OF BIRTH: JORDAN

E. COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: JORDAN

F. COUNTRY (S) OF CITIZENSHIP: JORDAN

G. NOMINEE'S FULL ADDRESS: P.O.BOX 13, SWEILEH 11910, JORDAN TELFAX: 00962-6-5332739

H. GENDER: MALE

I. MEDICAL, PHYSICAL, DIETARY OR OTHER PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS: NONE

J. NAME OF NOMINEE'S COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN

K. NOMINEE'S FIELD OF STUDY: COMPUTER ENGINEERING

L. WORK EXPERIENCE: VOLUNTEER WORK: ADMINISTRATIVE WORK, THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CHECHEN-INGUSH REPUBLIC; TEACHING ENGLISH LANGUAGE FOR STUDENTS IN SECOND TO FORTH GRADE MASHREK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

M. EDUCATION: SECOND YEAR STUDENT OF COMPUTER ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN, AMMAN JORDAN, JORDAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, 2003, IRBID, JORDAN, COMPUTER ENGINEERING FOR ONE YEAR THEN TRANSFERRED TO UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN; LONDON EXAMINATION BOARD- UK- GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (GCE), MASHREK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS, 2002, AMMAN- JORDAN; UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE- UK- INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (IGCSE) MASHREK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS, 2001, AMMAN-JORDAN

N. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS: THE CHARTERED ENGINEERING INSTITUTION FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS ENGINEERING, THE BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY-UK; THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CHECHEN INGUSH REPUBLIC- JORDAN, 2002; YOUNG LEADERSHIP PROGRAM; LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN UNITED NATION UNIVERSITY

O. SPECIAL INTERESTS: SCUBA DIVING, SNORKING, AND SWIMMING

P. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: 2003- PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DIVING INSTRUCTORS (PADI)-UK; 2002- PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DIVING INSTRUCTORS

Q. SHORT LIST OF PUBLICATIONS:

R. PREVIOUS TRAVEL AND STUDY OR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN THE U.S.: NONE

S. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: VERY GOOD

T. FUTURE STUDY OR CAREER PLANS: LUKMAN WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH HIS OWN BUSINESS FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

U. POST JUSTIFICATION:

MR. ARSALAN IS A SECOND YEAR STUDENT OF COMPUTER ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN. HE IS A MEMBER OF SEVERAL COMMITTEES: THE CHARTERED ENGINEERING INSTITUTION FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS ENGINEERING, THE BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY-UK; THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CHECHEN INGUSH REPUBLIC- JORDAN, 2002; YOUNG LEADERSHIP PROGRAM; LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN UNITED NATION UNIVERSITY.

THIRD NOMINEE:

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

A. NAME: KHALED WAIL FARID ALALI

B. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR): 01/19/1984

C. CITY OF BIRTH: UNITED KINGDOM

D. COUNTRY OF BIRTH: UNITED KINGDOM

E. COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: JORDAN

F. COUNTRY (S) OF CITIZENSHIP: JORDAN

G. NOMINEE'S FULL ADDRESS: P.O.BOX 866, AMMAN 11953, JORDAN TEL: 079-6808270

H. GENDER: MALE

I. MEDICAL, PHYSICAL, DIETARY OR OTHER PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS: NO PORK, NO ALCOHOL

J. NAME OF NOMINEE'S COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: PRINCESS SUMAYA UNIVERSITY TO TECHNOLOGY

K. NOMINEE'S FIELD OF STUDY: SECOND YEAR COMPUTER ENGINEERING

L. WORK EXPERIENCE: 2002-PRESENT FREE LANSING WEB DESIGN; WORKED AS A NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR FOR ICI, DULUX COLORING CENTER FOR TWO MONTHS IN 2003; WORKED AS ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR AT BAZIAN COMPUTER

CORPORATION;
FOR TWO MONTHS IN 1998, CASHIER AT BAHJA GROCERY
M. EDUCATION: SECOND YEAR COMPUTER ENGINEERING AT PRINCESS
SUMAYA UNIVERSITY FOR TECHNOLOGY; TAWJIHI CERTIFICATE
SCIENTIFIC BRANCH
N. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS: MEMBER AT KING ABDULLAH
II DEVELOPMENT FUND
O. SPECIAL INTERESTS: BASKETBALL; SWIMMING; TRAVELING;
WATCHING MOVIES
P. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: FRENCH LANGUAGE
Q. SHORT LIST OF PUBLICATIONS: NONE
R. PREVIOUS TRAVEL AND STUDY OR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN THE
U.S.: NONE
S. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: FLUENT
T. FUTURE STUDY OR CAREER PLANS: KHALED WOULD LIKE TO
PERSU HER EDUCATION THEN OPEN HIS OWN COMPANY
U. MR. ALALI IS A SECOND YEAR STUDENT OF COMPUTER
ENGINEERING. HE WORKED AT COMPUTER COMPANIES TO INCREASE
HIS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN HIS FIELD. HE IS AN ACTIVE
MEMBER OF KING ABDULLAH FUND. HE HAS AN IMPRESSIVE
LEADERSHIP POTENTIALS THROUGH HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATIONS IN
YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND CONFERENCE HELD IN JORDAN.

ALTERNATE:

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

A. NAME: DALIA H. S. AHMED
B. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR): 03/03/1983
C. CITY OF BIRTH: ADEN
D. COUNTRY OF BIRTH: ADEN
E. COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: JORDAN
F. COUNTRY (S) OF CITIZENSHIP: JORDAN
G. NOMINEE'S FULL ADDRESS: AL-NUZHA ST. APT 14, TEL:
5659754 CELL:079-5654689
H. GENDER: FEMALE
I. MEDICAL, PHYSICAL, DIETARY OR OTHER PERSONAL
CONSIDERATIONS: NO PORK, NO ALCOHOL
J. NAME OF NOMINEE'S COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: AMMAN- NATIONAL
UNIVERSITY
K. NOMINEE'S FIELD OF STUDY: COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS
ENGINEERING
L. WORK EXPERIENCE: NONE
M. EDUCATION: AMMAN-NATIONAL UNIVERSITY- COMMUNICATION-
ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING, 3RD YEAR; HIGH SCHOOL YAMAN
MODERN SCHOOL
N. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS: MEMBER AT KING ABDULLAH II
DEVELOPMENT FUND
O. SPECIAL INTERESTS: READING, INTERNET SURFING
P. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: NONE
Q. SHORT LIST OF PUBLICATIONS: NONE
R. PREVIOUS TRAVEL AND STUDY OR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN THE
U.S.: NONE
S. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: FLUENT
T. FUTURE STUDY OR CAREER PLANS: DALIA WOULD LIKE TO
CONTINUE HER EDUCATION.

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